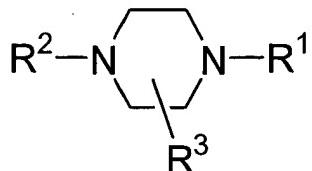


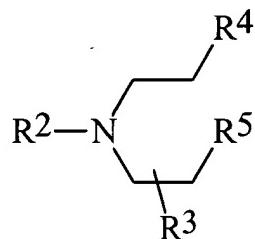
Page 2, paragraph 1:

Please substitute the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to a novel process for preparing a compound of the formula I:



wherein R¹ denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, arylalkoxy, tosyl, formyl, benzoyl, acetyl or amine; R² denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; and R³ denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; by reacting a compound of the formula



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wherein R² and R³ are as defined above and R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo,

with a compound of the formula H₂N-R¹, wherein R¹ is as defined above. Preferably the reaction is performed in the presence of a solvent. Polar aprotic solvents such as, dimethyl formamide, dimethylacetamide and dimethylsulfoxide are preferred.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 49, 53, 54, 58, and 63, as follows: